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H. RES. 1187

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising public awareness of and helping to prevent attacks against Federal employees while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WITTMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising public awareness of and helping to prevent attacks against Federal employees while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties.

Whereas title 18 of the United States Code makes it a crime to forcibly assault, resist, intimidate, or interfere with a Federal employee while engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties, or to kill or attempt to kill any such employee while so engaged or on such account;

Whereas the suicide attack on the Internal Revenue Service office in Austin, Texas on February 18, 2010, that

claimed the life of two-tour Vietnam veteran Vernon Hunter follows the more than 1,200 attacks which were made on Internal Revenue Service employees between 2001 and 2008, attacks which have resulted in at least 197 convictions;

Whereas the shooting attack on Thursday, March 4, 2010, by John Patrick Bedell that injured two Pentagon guards was the fourth attack or security scare on a Federal building in 2010;

Whereas the Department of Justice filed 313 cases in fiscal year 2006, 326 cases in fiscal year 2007, 303 cases in fiscal year 2008, and 277 cases in fiscal year 2009 (as of August of such fiscal year), relating to attacks against Federal employees;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 civilian employees in the Federal workforce provide many forms of dedicated service to the United States and its people, such as fighting crime and fire, supporting our military, protecting health, providing essential human services, preserving the environment and maintaining our national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests, securing our borders, responding with assistance in times of natural disaster, regulating commerce, defending our freedom, and advancing our country's interests around the world, all of which contribute to the greatness and prosperity of the Nation;

Whereas Federal employees are entitled to expect a reasonable degree of personal safety and security while carrying out their official duties; and

Whereas inflammatory anti-Government rhetoric may contribute to attacks against institutions and employees of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses the Nation’s appreciation for the
3 outstanding contributions made by Federal employ-
4 ees to the United States;

5 (2) supports the goal of protecting the safety
6 and security of our Federal employees; and

7 (3) urges that the Government seek ways to im-
8 prove the safety and security of our Federal employ-
9 ees.

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